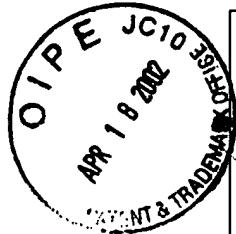


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 15, 2001, said period of response being extended from December 15, 2001 to April 15, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$1,440.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Date: 11 April 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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